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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2008 be extended for a period of three months from April 14, 2008 to July 14, 2008. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$1,050.

The required fee, estimated to be \$1,050, was charged to Novozymes North America, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 50-1701 at the time of electronic filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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